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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PHELPS ET AL.

Examiner

Amy J. Sterling

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

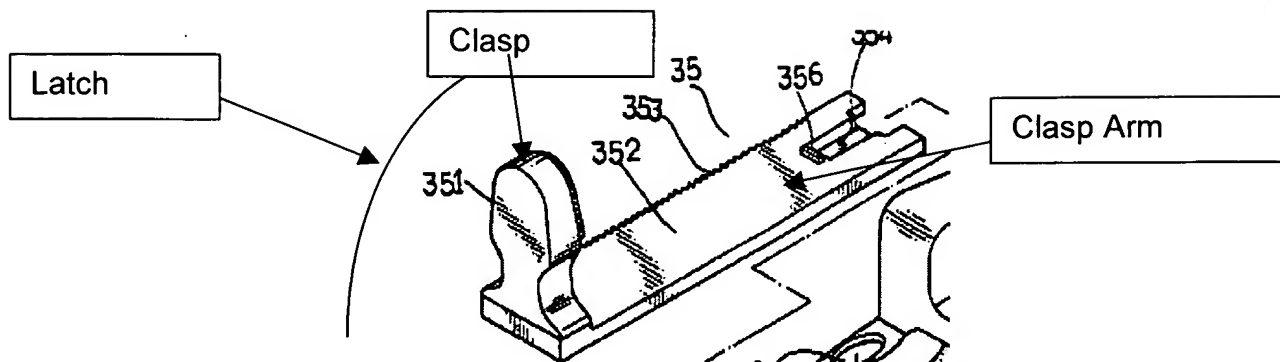
This is a non-final Office Action for application number 10/801,842 Electronic Device Cradle having Replacement Latches, filed on 3/16/04. Claims 1, 2, 4-19 are pending. Claims 10-19 are withdrawn. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/10/06 has been entered.

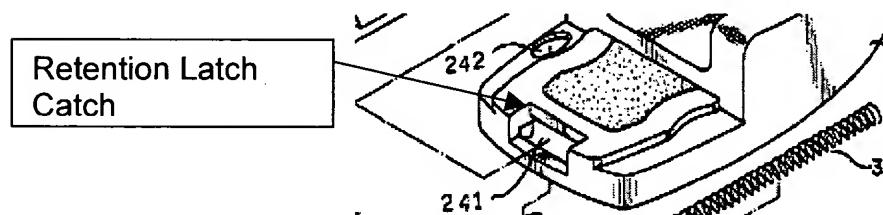
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6816713 to Chen.

The patent to Chen discloses a cradle and latch assembly having a body (10, 20), the body having at least one pocket (21), at least one latch aperture (241) and a latch (35) detachable from the body, the latch having a clasp (351) and a means for coupling (353, 354, 356) to the body and a clasp arm (352, 356, 354) having a clasp arm length wherein the latch (35) is detachable from the body (10, 20) wherein the clasp extends in a non-coplanar angle from a portion of the clasp arm.



Chen also discloses wherein the means for coupling includes a retention latch (354, 356) including a retention latch arm (354) wherein the retention latch arm (354) acts as a cantilever beam and wherein the latch has a thumb release (31) coupled to the clasp arm and the clasp arm deforming in response to receiving a force at the thumb release, a stabilizing support (33) and a rear support (36) and wherein the body has a retention latch catch (the upper lip of the area surrounding the latch aperture, which catches the retention latch 356, See Drawing Below), a rear support recess (11), a latch guide (246) and a rotation support (22, 23).



Response to Arguments

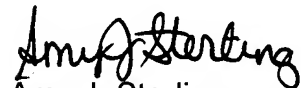
The applicant has argued that the reference to Chen does not disclose a thumb release because there is not enough room for a users thumb and that the clasp arm does not deform and release the latch. Both of these arguments are unpersuasive in that the size of the users thumb is speculative and since the drawings aren't shown to

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scale, the latch release could be used with a user's thumb. Also a portion of the release arm must deform in order for the latch to release, so the deformation is inherently taught.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Amy J. Sterling at telephone number 571-272-6823. The examiner can normally be reached (M-F 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). The fax machine number for the Technology center is 571-273-8300 (formal amendments) or 571-273-6823 (informal amendments only). Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist at 571-272-3600.



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10/16/06